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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL FOR AN ENERGY ACTION GROUP:
REQUEST FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION

REF: (A) STATE 250896; (B) EC BRUSSELS 7417 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON'S ELABORATION
OF US THINKING ON THE PROPOSED ENERGY ACTION GROUP
(REFTEL A) IS VERY HELPFUL. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE AUTHORIZATION TO DRAW ON CERTAIN PARTS OF
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THE UNDER SECRETARY'S PRESENTATION FOR INFORMAL DIS-

CUSSIONS WITH THE EC COMMISSION SHORTLY AFTER JANUARY 1.
WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF US
VIEWS ON MODALITIES, AS EXPLAINED IN THIS MESSAGE. END
SUMMARY.

2. THE MISSION HAS FOUND MOST INFORMATIVE UNDERSECRETARY
DONALDSON'S ELABORATION TO THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR (REFTEL A)
OF THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL FOR AN ENERGY ACTION GROUP
(EAG). WE RECOGNIZE THAT OUR APPROACH IS TO AVOID PUTTING
FORWARD SPECIFICS AND TO SOLICIT IDEAS OF OTHER POTENTIAL
PARTICIPANTS. HOWEVER, WE THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL IN
PROMOTING THIS DIALOGUE IF WE COULD DRAW ON PARAS 3 AND 4
OF REFTEL A DEALING WITH THE PUROPOSES OF EAG. AS REPORTED
IN REFTEL B, THE COMMISSION WILL SOON BE PUTTING FORWARD
PROPOSALS FOR EC ENERGY POLICY, INCLUDING COOPERATION WITH
CONSUMING AND PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

3. WE ALSO THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE AVAILABLE
IN SOMEWHAT MORE DETAIL THAN IN THE SECRETARY'S PILGRIM
SPEECH TENTATIVE US IDEAS ABOUT THE FORMAT AND MODALITIES
OF AN ENERGY ACTION GROUP. ON THIS SUBJECT ALSO WE WOULD
HAVE TO AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF A US "BLUEPRINT". BUT
THE CONTINUING LACK OF PRECISION RISKS CONFUSTION AND WASTE OF
TIME ON THE PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF EAG.

4. WE NOTE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE SECRETARY IN HIS LONDON
SPEECH PROPOSED AN EAG OF "SENIOR AND PRESTIGIOUS
INDIVIDUALS". IN DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR GREENWALD
ON DECEMBER 20, THE EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE
OF ENERGY AFFAIRS, SIMONET, INTERPRETED THIS TO MEAN A
GROUP OF *RIVATE CITIZENS (SEE PARA 6, REFTEL B). UNDER
SECRETARY DONALDSON SPOKE OF A VERY HIGH-LEVEL GROUP, FOR INSTANCE
AT THE FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL, WHICH WOULD, HOWEVER,
NOT BIND GOVERNMENTS (PARAS 6 AND 9, REFTEL A). WE WOULD*APPRECI*TE GUIDANCE TO CLARIFY THESE AND OTHER QUES*IONS
CONCER ING MODALITIES. GREENWALD

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